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09/296,864	02/17/1998	NEIL C. SCHOEN		8942

TITLE OF INVENTION: TECHNIQUE TO CREATE TARGETED LOTTERY SYSTEMS USING ELECTRONIC MEDIA INTERFACES

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Determination of Patent Term Extension under 35 U.S.C. 154 (b)

(application filed after June 7, 1995 but prior to May 29, 2000)

The Patent Term Extension is 0 day(s). Any patent to issue from the above-identified application will include an indication of the 0 day extension on the front page.

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	John R. Paradiso	3721	

-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address--

All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to Interview dated 7/26/2005.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 9-12.
3. ☒ The drawings filed on 07 July 2005 are accepted by the Examiner.
4. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
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 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
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7. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

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of Biological Material | 8. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance |
| | 9. <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____. |

EXAMINER'S COMMENTS

1. This action on the merits supercedes all previous actions on the merits in this application.

Examiner's Amendment

2. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Mr. Neil C. Schoen on July 26, 2005. Claims 1-8 have been cancelled and replaced with new claims 9-~~14~~¹⁸ in order to more clearly define the invention.

3. The application has been amended as follows:
 1. (cancelled)
 2. (cancelled)
 3. (cancelled)
 4. (cancelled)
 5. (cancelled)
 6. (cancelled)
 7. (cancelled)
 8. (cancelled)

1 9. (new) A system to increase revenues paid to mass transit service organizations by addition of electronic lottery processes and operations, which may collect additional revenues from customers for said lottery operations, above and beyond those paid for normal services, comprising:

means for electronically identifying and redeeming farecards which contain modifications provided for additional wager and customer identifications information for lottery operation to provide predetermined payouts to winning lottery customers;

means to collect said additional revenues from customers of said lottery operations;

means to ensure the security and integrity of said lottery processes and operations to prevent fraudulent use of invoicing media to obtain said payouts of lottery funds;

wherein said mass transit service organizations consist of metro-rail systems or other mass transit systems;

and wherein the means for electronically identifying and redeeming farecards is chosen from the following group:

- a.) the "add-fare" feature on existing farecard systems with an additional ticket marking indicating a lottery purchase, which is activated by an additional lottery selection button incorporated into said farecard system;
- b.) the "cash-back" feature on existing metro-rail farecard purchase machines adapted to detect an additional ticket marking indicating a lottery purchase, with fixed or programmed payouts by said adapted machine in the form of cash or, alternatively, in the form of new fare cards of the appropriate value.

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10. (new) A system according to claim ~~9~~¹ wherein said mass transit service organizations include auxiliary mass transit service systems.

~~3~~
11. (new) A system according to claim ~~10~~² wherein the auxiliary mass transit service systems comprise parking lots, passenger rental cars, and passenger-destination-location alternative mode transportations services means.

~~4~~
12. (new) A system according to claim ~~9~~¹ wherein said farecards include other equivalent invoicing media.

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13. (cancelled) A system to increase revenues paid to commercial product corporations by addition of electronic lottery processes and operations, which may collect additional revenues from customers for said lottery operations, above and beyond those paid for normal products or services, said invoices selected from the group of: tickets, credit card receipts, credit card bills; comprising:

means for electronically identifying and redeeming customer invoices which contain modifications provided for additional wager and customer identifications information for lottery to provide predetermined payouts to winning lottery customers;

means to collect said additional revenues from customers of said lottery operations;

means to ensure the security and integrity of said lottery processes and operations to prevent fraudulent use of invoicing media to obtain said payouts of lottery funds;

wherein said commercial product corporations consist of large consumer retail corporations;

and wherein the means for electronically identifying and redeeming customer invoices is chosen from the following group:

- a.) existing cash registers which add an additional marking to receipts at point of purchase;
- b.) existing receipts mailed from commercial corporations or financial institutions with said lottery payouts.

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14. (cancelled) A system according to claim 13 wherein said commercial product corporations are consumer retail chains with cash register networks, which employ magnetic strip / manual entry credit card order machines, adapted to accept additional lottery funds by recording said funds and marking said credit card receipts for further processing to determine total funds available for payout to operate said lottery processes.

15. (cancelled) A system according to claim 13 where said commercial product corporations operate a large internet marketing service which is adapted to accept additional lottery funds by marking said customer invoices with the value of said additional funds and an identification code of the customer, to operate said lottery processes; and

wherein means for electronically identifying and redeeming customer invoices consists of adapting said marketing system to add to the customer on-line bill the amount chose for lottery processes, which is equivalent to use of the existing system for recording an additional purchase of merchandise, in this case the lottery option; and

said means of redeeming includes mailing the invoice or electronic crediting of said customer's account.

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16. (cancelled) A system according to claim 13 where the commercial product corporations are parking lots, theaters, and sports arenas and the invoices are the tickets sold at these venues, along with additional information written on the ticket to identify the amount of lottery funds added; and

where the means for redeeming the customer invoice includes mailing the invoice or the use of an electronic ticket redemption machine.

17. (cancelled) A system according to claim 13 wherein said corporations include government-funded organizations.

18. (cancelled) A system according to claim 17 wherein said government-funded organizations include parking lots, sports arenas, theaters, and cultural organizations and the invoices are the tickets sold at these venues, along with additional information written on the ticket to identify the amount of lottery funds added; and

where the means for redeeming the customer invoice includes mailing the invoice or the use of an electronic ticket redemption machine.

Election/Restrictions

4. Restriction to one of the following inventions is required under 35 U.S.C. 121:
 - I. Claims 9-12, drawn to a system to increase revenues paid to mass transit service organizations classified in class 463 subclass 17
 - II. Claims 13-18 drawn to a system to increase revenues paid to commercial product corporations, classified in class 705 subclass 16

The inventions are distinct, each from the other because of the following reasons:

5. Inventions I and II are unrelated. Inventions are unrelated if it can be shown that they are not disclosed as capable of use together and they have different modes of operation, different functions, or different effects (MPEP § 806.04, MPEP § 808.01). In the instant case the different inventions, while both producing lottery effects, do so with different modes of operation:

Invention I uses electronic farecards for metrorail service, Invention II uses a variety of other media formats including credit card receipts, ticket stubs, etc.

6. Because these inventions are distinct for the reasons given above and have acquired a separate status in the art as shown by their different classification, restriction for examination purposes as indicated is proper.

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7. During a telephone conversation with Mr. Schoen on July 26, 2005 a provisional election was made without traverse to prosecute the invention of Group I, claims 9-12. Claims 11-14 have been cancelled by Examiner's Amendment. Applicant reserves the right to prosecute the non-elected claims in a Divisional Application.

Allowable Subject Matter

8. Claims 9-12 are allowed.

Reasons for Allowance

9. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: the prior art could not alone or in combination anticipate or make obvious a system to increase revenues paid to mass transit service organizations by addition of electronic lottery processes and operations in which farecards include modifications provided for additional wager and customer identification and wherein a means for electronically identifying and redeeming farecards is provided either as the "add-fare" feature on existing farecard systems with an additional ticket marking indicating a lottery purchase or as the "cash-back" feature on existing metro-rail farecard purchase machines adapted to detect an additional ticket marking indicating a lottery purchase.

The most pertinent prior art, ROSSIDES, discloses a method in which a lottery number is added to a purchase so that a winning customer can win more product. ROSSIDES does not disclose the addition of a lottery to an existing mass transit system or the return of monetary

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winnings by the "add-fare" feature on existing farecard systems with an additional ticket marking indicating a lottery purchase or as the "cash-back" feature on existing metro-rail farecard purchase machines adapted to detect an additional ticket marking indicating a lottery purchase

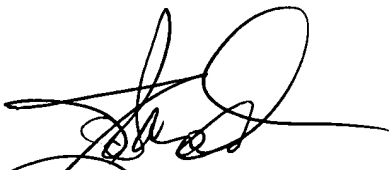
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Conclusion

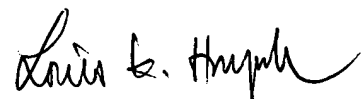
10. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to John Paradiso. The examiner can normally be reached Monday-Friday, 9:30 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. (ET).

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Rinaldi Rada, can be reached at the number listed below.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application should be directed to the 3700 Technology Center Receptionist.



Examiner John Paradiso: (571) 272-4466



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PRIMARY EXAMINER

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Examiner-Initiated Interview Summary	Application No.	Applicant(s)	
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	Examiner	Art Unit	
	John R. Paradiso	3721	

All Participants:

(1) John R. Paradiso.

(2) Neil Schoen.

Status of Application: _____

(3) _____

(4) _____

Date of Interview: _____

Time: _____

Type of Interview:

- ☒ Telephonic
☐ Video Conference
☐ Personal (Copy given to: ☐ Applicant ☐ Applicant's representative)

Exhibit Shown or Demonstrated: ☐ Yes ☐ No

If Yes, provide a brief description: _____

Part I.

Rejection(s) discussed:

N/A

Claims discussed:

See Summary

Prior art documents discussed:

ROSSIDES

Part II.

SUBSTANCE OF INTERVIEW DESCRIBING THE GENERAL NATURE OF WHAT WAS DISCUSSED:

See Continuation Sheet

Part III.

- ☐ It is not necessary for applicant to provide a separate record of the substance of the interview, since the interview directly resulted in the allowance of the application. The examiner will provide a written summary of the substance of the interview in the Notice of Allowability.
☐ It is not necessary for applicant to provide a separate record of the substance of the interview, since the interview did not result in resolution of all issues. A brief summary by the examiner appears in Part II above.

(Examiner/SPE Signature)

(Applicant/Applicant's Representative Signature – if appropriate)

Continuation of Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was discussed: Examiner explained that some of the claims would be in better form for allowance if they were re-written to more precisely recite the intended subject matter. Applicant explained the nature of the invention(s) more thoroughly, Examiner suggested claim language, Applicant finalized drafted claim language and authorized their inclusion by Examiner's Amendment. Examiner pointed out that the newly drafted claims were directed to two different inventions and explained the necessity for restriction. Applicant elected Group I, claims 9-12.